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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJECT: VARIOUS VISITING GROUPS
FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR

1. IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS VISITING GROUPS SCHEDULED
VISIT CAIRO THIS WEEK, PLEASE CONVEY MY REGRETS TO CHAIRMEN
OF EACH GROUP AT MY INABILITY BEING ON HAND TO WELCOME AND
BRIEF THEM. EXPLAIN REASONS FOR MY NOT BEING THERE.

2. RE DAVID ROCKEFELLER VISIT, I HAD ARRANGED WITH NEUBERT
TO ATTEND HIS RECEPTION AND SUBSEQUENT DINNER FOR
ROCKEFELLER EVENING JANUARY 20. MY TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR
RETURN TO CAIRO MONDAY EVENING, JAN 20, ABOARD TWA FLIGHT.
HOWEVER, GIVEN OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THAT FLIGHT, IT IS
LIKELY TO BE SEVERAL HOURS LATE AND I DOUBT THAT I WILL BE
FRESH ENOUGH TO JOIN THE DINNER GROUP THAT EVENING. PLEASE
EXPLAIN UNEXPECTED CHANGE OF PLAN TO NEUBERT AND SUGGEST
THAT, IF CONVENIENT TO MR ROCKEFELLER, I WILL BE HAPPY TO
MEET WITH HIM FOR BREAKFAST, JANUARY 21 OR ANY TIME DURING
DAY.

3. SO FAR AS TIME-NEWS TOUR IS CONCERNED, LET WILTON WYNN
KNOW THAT I WILL NOT BE THERE. YOU OR OTHER EMBASSY STAFF
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CAN BRIEF.

4. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO ARRANGE CHANGE OF CODEL STRATTON VISIT DATE SO THAT IT DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH IPU CODEL. SIMILARLY, WE ARE ATTEMPTING CHANGE CONGRESSMAN-ELECT SOLARZ TO OTHER DATES OR, IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE, TO HAVE HIM PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFINGS FOR EITHER IPU OR CODEL STRATTON. I AM STRESSING TO DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS THAT SIMULTANEOUS HANDLING OF 50 OR MORE CONGRESSMEN AND ENTOURAGES IN SEPARATE GROUPS, IS MORE THAN THE EGYPTIAN TRAFFIC WILL BEAR. IF VISITS ARE TO BE A SUCCESS, AS I WANT THEM TO BE, GROUPS MUST BE MANAGEABLE IN SIZE AND TIMING SHOULD BE STAGGERED.

5. WILL ADVISE EXPECTED ETA. KISSINGER

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